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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CANADIAN EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP

REF: SAIGON 4390

1. EMBOFF MARCH 19 REVIEWED EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP'S VISIT TO SAIGON WITH CANDEL MINISTER/ SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISER TURNER. TURNER STATED SHARP VIST ORGANIZATIONALLY HAD GONE SMOOTHLY. SHARP WAS PRESENTED WITH FRANK VIEWS BY CANDEL PERSONNEL. PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAD DIRECT TEAM EXPERIENCE IN FIELD AND HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH FRUSTRATIONS OF LOCAL INVESTIGATION EFFORTS. VARIOUS CANDEL SAIGON AND TEAM BRIEFERS ALL STOPPED SHORT OF MAKING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS RE FORTHCOMING GOC DECISION, RECOGNIZING THAT WHAT SHARP SAW HERE WAS ONLY ONE FACTOR IN ULTIMATE GOC DECISION. SHARP'S SESSIONS WITH TOP GVN OFFICIALS WERE " SATISFACTORY", ACCORDING TO TURNER. PRESIDENT THIEU PRESENTED APPROPRIATELY BALANCED EXPECTATIONS OF HOPE PLUS REALISM WITH RESPECT TO POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION WITH PRG.

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2. TURNER STATED SHARP GAVE CANDEL NO INDICATION OF HIS OWN VIEWS RE ULTIMATE GOC DECISION ON CONTINUED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN ICCS. MEMBERS OF SHARP'S ENTOURAGE RENDERED SOMEWHAT DIVERGENT VIEWS TO CANDEL, DEPENDING UPON WHICH OTTAWA BASED INDIVIDUAL WAS SPEAKING. TURNER ALSO NOTED SHARP HAD BEEN "SURPRISED" AT JAPANESE PRESENTAION ENCOURAGING GOC TO REMAIN IN ICCS. WITH SOME AMUSEMENT TURNER COMMENTED THAT "EVERYONE" SEEMED TO WANT CANADIANS TO HANG IN HERE, AND SINCE THESE EXPRESSIONS STEMMED FROM SUCH DIVERSE SOURCES WITH DIFFERING ORIENTATIONS; CANADIANS COULD NOT HELP BUT FEEL UNEASY AT BEING SO UNANIMOUSLY WOODED.

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